

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND SUPPORT FOR A GUBERNATORIAL TASK
FORCE TO CONSIDER BOTH TRADITIONAL AND NONTRADITIONAL SOURCES
OF REVENUE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND PRESERVATION OF HIGHWAYS
AND BRIDGES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, POSSIBLE REVISIONS
TO THE RATES, METHODS AND MANNER OF CALCULATING ANY AND
ALL TAXES, FEES AND REGISTRATIONS RELATING TO FUELS AND MOTOR
VEHICLES AND MOTOR CARRIERS.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) has responsibility for approximately 5,000 centerline miles of highway and nearly 1,760 bridges in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, a recent legislative audit found that current funding for transportation cannot keep pace with the growth in costs to meet Idaho's basic transportation needs of preserving and restoring Idaho's highways and bridges; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for adequate funding to pay for financing costs and the growing need for preservation and restoration of the state highway system; and

WHEREAS, it is undeniable that a reliable, resilient and effective transportation system is essential to the state's long-term growth; and

WHEREAS, the current transportation revenue structure will not meet the pressing transportation funding needs over the next 30 years; and

WHEREAS, transportation is not just a state problem but rather, it transcends all levels of government in Idaho with almost 300 jurisdictions having some role in the state's transportation network, such that transportation funding needs must be addressed at all levels of government and jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, federal funding cannot be relied upon to solve Idaho's transportation funding challenges; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's transportation funding must be addressed in a manner that is comprehensive and takes into full account changing fuel consumption patterns; and

WHEREAS, solutions to Idaho's transportation funding challenge will require innovative and perhaps nontraditional revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, a review of such issues should be done in a measured, deliberative manner, providing a wide array of policy options to move transportation funding forward for Idaho.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that a gubernatorial task force is appropriate to consider both traditional and nontraditional sources of revenue for the maintenance and preservation of highways and bridges including, but not limited to, possible revisions to the rates, methods and manner of calculating any and all taxes, fees and registrations relating to fuels and motor vehicles and motor carriers.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Legislature supports and will participate
2 in the gubernatorial task force consisting of a total of fifteen members including five members
3 from the Idaho Senate and five members from the Idaho House of Representatives.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Legislature shall receive and consider re-
5 ports and findings, recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, from the gubernatorial
6 task force during the Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature.